Naxalism a Rs. 1500 crore redcorridor empire

490. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government was drawn to the news report in media highlighting Naxalism today is a Rs. 1500 crore red-corridor empire, thriving in absence of writ of Government across the vast stretch of our land;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government has taken any step during the last five years aimed at containing the spread of lawlessness being perpetrated under the guise of extreme-Left ideologies *viz.*, Naxalism/Maoism, especially in the remote and backward regions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the outcome of such steps found so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) As per available inputs, Maoists collect 'levy' in their strongholds from contractors, tendu patta collectors, big landlords, businessmen etc. In the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. State Governments have been taking appropriate action to counter such activities.

(c) to (e) Government has adopted an integrated approach in dealing with LWE activities in the arenas of security, development and public perception. State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways. These include deployment of Central paramilitary forces (CPMFs) and Commando Battalions for Resolute action (CoBRA); sanction of India Reserve (IR) battalions, setting up of Counter Insurgency and Anti Terrorism (CIAT) schools; modernization and upgradation of the State Police and their Intelligence apparatus under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme); re-imbursement of security-related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme; filling up critical infrastructure gaps under the scheme for Special infrastructure in Leftwing Extremism affected States; assistance in training of State Police through Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; sharing of Intelligence; facilitating inter-State coordination; launching special intra-State and inter-State coordinated Joint operations, assistance in community policing and civic actions and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Central Ministries.

CRPF recruitment scandal

491. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to CRPF recruitment scandal which has led to arrest of nine persons including IG of CRPF, involving racket in which Rs. 225 crore was involved and touts charged up to Rs. 3 lakh for every constable's appointment;

(b) if so, when the scandal came to light; and

(c) whether it is a fact that IG, CRPF had been found indulging in similar corrupt practices two years ago but not punished for being "Kingpin" and despite adverse entries by superior in his confidential report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, a case of alleged of irregularities in CRPF has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) 01.05.2009

(c) A case regarding lack of supervision and frequent contact with some civilians during Bihar recruitment in 2007 came to light and displeasure of Director General, CRPF was conveyed the concerned IG, CRPF on 2.9.2008.

States affected by Naxal-Maoist activities

492 SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thirteen States in India have been affected by Naxal-Maoist activities establishing a Red Corridor;

(b) whether it is a fact that large number of Naxal violence has been reported in last few years including some lately;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to contain Naxal violence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. Talk of so called red corridor is baseless propaganda.

(b) to (d) Till June, 2009, 1128 incidents of naxal violence with 455 casualties were reported from 11 States; 82.35% of the casualties were reported from Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand & Orissa. Details of naxal violence from 2006 to 2008 are as below:

	2006	2007	2008
Incidents	1509	1565	1591
Deaths	678	696	721

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